

EMERGENCY ACT ENFORCEMENT DAILY REPORT

Update 1 - February 17, 2022

Highlights	On February 16, enforcement activities continue to ramp up. The RCMP provided information on 14 individuals to financial institutions and 24 crypto accounts valuing \$2.4M. Financial institutions have frozen at least 25 account and \$300k in assets. The Windsor police used new authorities to stop 7 trucks intending to re-start the blockade.
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This daily Situation Report provides a strategic overview of the concrete enforcement actions taken by the Government of Canada pursuant to the authorities granted under the *Emergency Act* and associated Orders in Council (Information current as of **16 February, 20:00hrs**).

Communications

Invoking the Emergencies Act to keep Canadians safe

On Monday, February 14th, the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Ministers Lametti, Blair, and Mendicino announced that our government is invoking the Emergencies Act to supplement Provincial and Territorial authorities to address the blockades and occupation to keep Canadians safe, protect people's jobs, and restore confidence in our institutions.

For more information, see the key messages below.

Key Messages for Ministers:

- For three weeks now, blockades have been illegally disrupting the life of Canadians, harming our economy, and endangering public safety.
- It became clear that there are serious challenges to local law enforcements' ability to effectively enforce the law.
- We invoked the Emergencies Act to supplement Provincial and Territorial authorities to address the blockades and occupation to keep Canadians safe, protect people's jobs, and restore confidence in our institutions.
- The Act will strengthen and support the work by the police. We are not using the emergencies Act in order to deploy the military. We will not be suspending fundamental rights as articulated in the charter of rights and freedoms, nor are we limiting the right to peacefully protest or assemble.
- The police have now been given more tools to restore order in places where public assemblies can constitute illegal and dangerous activities, such as blockades and occupations as seen in Ottawa, Ambassador Bridge and elsewhere. These tools include strengthening their ability to impose fines or imprisonment. The government will designate secure-and-protect places and infrastructure that are critical to our economy and people's jobs, including border crossings and airports.
- We have seen recent successes of our law enforcement agencies with the situations now resolved in Windsor, at the Ambassador Bridge, at Coutts Alberta Port of Entry, and also at the

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Emerson, Manitoba border crossing, however Ottawa remains illegally occupied and other cities across Canada are seeing similar protests.

- For those of you thinking of joining these illegal protests, we strongly suggest that you reconsider. We are calling on everyone to not jeopardize public peace or endanger yourselves or others by participating in purposefully illegal activities. There will be consequences for all criminal behavior related to the ongoing situations in Ottawa and across the country.

Enforcement Actions

- A **RCMP**-led coordination and centralized reporting process is in place to communicate information on designated individuals to financial institutions who have been found to be in contravention of the Order.
- The **RCMP** provided Canadian financial institutions information on **14** designated individuals and notices to Exchange Authorities on **24** Crypto accounts totaling approximately **\$2.4M**.
- There are ongoing investigations to confirm the ownership of **65** vehicles.
- The **Department of Finance's** early engagement with financial institutions subject to the *Emergency Economic Measures* indicates that at least **25 accounts** and **\$300k** in assets have been frozen.
- **FINTRAC** launched its pre-registration process. They have received **9** pre-registration forms and **22 inquiries** on the impact of the proclamation, primarily from small and medium-sized banks.
- The **Windsor Police** used the new authorities to stop **7** trucks intending to re-start the blockade.

Supporting Activities

- The **RCMP** has engaged **6** major banks, insurance agents, the Canadian Security Association, and crypto currency exchanges to explain the intended operational approach to the new measures and how communications will take place (Feb 15).
- The **Ottawa Police Service** began handing out written warnings referencing the *Emergencies Act*, with stern warnings indicating that anyone blocking streets or assisting those in doing so are committing a criminal offence (Feb 16).
- **CBSA** hardened trade corridors leading to Ports of Entry, with priority actions at the Ambassador Bridge. Operational bulletins and guidance on the implementation enforcement powers distributed to staff responsible for Ports of Entry and conducting inland enforcement (Feb 15).
- **Transport Canada's** continued advancement of the "Tow Truck Strategy" in collaboration with partners and Provinces and appears to be showing positive signs due to the availability of services and trucks in Coutts, AB and Ottawa, ON.
- **Transport Canada** is engaged with FPT partners and providing support to law enforcement through NOTAMs (Ottawa and Emerson), Transportation of Dangerous Goods guidance, and enhanced inspector activity to advise industry on the Act and security plans and procedures.

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